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| Communication Box Annual  | 10/027,572                           | ANVEKAR ET AL.             |  |  |  |
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| 1. The Notice of Appeal filed on is not acceptable because:   |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| (a) it was not timely filed.  |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| (b) the statutory fee for filing the appeal was not submitted. See 37 CFR 41.20(b)(1).  |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| (c) the appeal fee received on was not timely filed.  |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| (d) the submitted fee of \$ is insufficient. The appeal fee required by 37 CFR 41.20(b)(1) is \$  |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| (e) the appeal is not in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31(a)(1) in that no claim has been twice rejected.   |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| (f) a Notice of Allowability, PTO-37, was mailed by the Office on   |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| 2. ☑ The appeal brief filed on 11 July 2005 is NOT acceptable for the reason(s) indicated below: (See a tterched  |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| (a) the brief and/or brief fee is untimely. See 37 CFR 41.37(a).  |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| (b) the statutory fee for filing the brief has not been submitted. See 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2).  |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| (c) the submitted brief fee of \$ is inse   | ufficient. The brief fee required by | y 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2) is \$ |  |  |  |
| The appeal in this application will be dismissed unless corrective action is taken to timely submit the brief and requisite fee. See 37 CFR 41.37(a)(1). Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). See 37 CFR 41.37(e). |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| 3. The appeal in this application is DISMISSED  | because:                             |                            |  |  |  |
| (a) the statutory fee for filing the brief as required under 37 CFR 41.20(b)(2) was not timely submitted and the period for obtaining an extension of time to file the brief under 37 CFR 1.136(a) has expired.                         |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| (b)  the brief was not timely filed and the period for obtaining an extension of time to file the brief under 37 CFR 1.136(a) has expired.  |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| (c) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 was filed on   |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| (d)   |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| 4. Because of the dismissal of the appeal, this a   | application:                         |                            |  |  |  |
| (a) is abandoned because there are no allowed claims.   |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| (b)  is before the examiner for final disposition because it contains allowed claims. Prosecution<br>on the merits remains CLOSED.  |                                      |                            |  |  |  |
| (c) is before the examiner for consideration  | · Clappal                            |                            |  |  |  |
| CHARLES APPIAH PRIMARY EXAMINER   |                                      |                            |  |  |  |

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Note: the Appeal Brief filed on 7/11/05 has been found defective, because it is not in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37. Appelant is being notified herewith to file a substitute Appeal Brief that is in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37.